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1. The recommendations of this survey reflect in general the suggestions of CIA economic and commodity specialists who assisted the Bureau of the Budget in its preparation. If these recommendations are carried out, Foreign Service economic reporting should improve greatly.

2. However, O/RR's position is that CIA should establish priorities for those critical requirements relating to the national security, and further, that CIA should take an active part in the guidance and field collection functions. It is believed that the responsibility to coordinate the intelligence activities of the Government, placed on CIA by the National Security Act of 1947, is inescapable and that the proposed Executive Order should be amended to clarify this CIA role, substantially as follows:

(Par 2b) "...the assignment of priorities by the Department of State to the several requests transmitted by it to the Foreign Service for action provided that the highest priority shall be given to those requests for data certified by the Central Intelligence Agency as being of critical importance to the national security."

(Para 3) "The Department of State will assign priorities to the requests received from Federal departments and agencies for foreign data with the concurrence of the Central Intelligence Agency in regard to data affecting the national security..."

3. To implement these CIA responsibilities it is recommended that: (a) the Director of Central Intelligence be represented on the Board of the Foreign Service, (b) the reconstituted Division of Foreign Reporting Services have CIA representation on a full-time basis, and (c) CIA personnel be assigned as field collectors with the status of Foreign Service Reserve Officers. O/RR is prepared to furnish personnel in the last two categories.

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